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**MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
PRESS RELEASE**

**MAYOR SANDERS AND TIJUANA MAYOR JORGE RAMOS
SET TO SIGN STATEMENT CALLING FOR IMPROVEMENTS
TO SAN YSIDRO BORDER CROSSING**

**STATEMENT REFLECTS MAYORS' COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING SECURITY,
REDUCING TRAFFIC WAIT TIMES AND IMPROVING BORDER COMMERCE**

San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders and Tijuana Mayor Jorge Ramos will be signing a joint statement of intent regarding their commitment to advocating for critical improvements needed for the San Ysidro Border Port of Entry.

Mayor Sanders has made improving the San Ysidro Port of Entry a priority during his administration. He has personally lobbied for additional funding and federal support for the improvement effort on behalf of the City. The Mayor's involvement played a significant role in winning the addition of \$198 million for the project in this year's federal budget allocation to the General Services Administration, the agency charged with planning the improvements.

The Mayor is being joined by Tijuana's Mayor Ramos in increasing advocacy for bi-national support for efforts to improve security, reduce wait times leading to improved air quality, improving pedestrian transit and to enhancing the local economy by improving border commerce through San Ysidro. The Mayors intend to establish a working group or task force in their respective cities that will help coordinate advocacy and planning efforts with their counterparts in the United States and Mexico.

The Mayors will sign the statement during the 86th annual San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce dinner scheduled for this evening. Mayor Sanders and Mayor Ramos are co-hosts of the VIP reception preceding the dinner function.

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